

## Study Dust Problems

# Officials Tour KCC Tailings Ponds

Special to The Tribune  
MAGNA — County and state officials Thursday took a first-hand look at the Kennecott Copper Corp. tailing ponds near this community as

part of a study to see if the blowing dust problem can be overcome.

Magna residents, led by the Magna Elected Council, have complained about the dust blowing throughout the com-

munity and invited Atty. Gen. Phil L. Hansen and Salt Lake County Commissioner Marvin G. Jensen to tour the area.

They visited the Webster School, the Arthur-Magna Concentrator offices, the ponds themselves and several businesses.

### Need Study

Mr. Hansen said he felt the answer to the problem should come through a study by scientific experts.

"I am sure there is no positive solution to the problem, but I feel that there must be a solution somewhere," he said.

The attorney general said that if the dust was proven to be a public nuisance, the courts could take action. However, he questioned how far the courts would go.

It would be a case of balancing the handicapping of an industry against the nuisance for people, Mr. Hansen said.

### Offers Help

Commissioner Jensen said that the County Commission would do whatever it could to help relieve the situation.

At a meeting in the concentrator offices, P. H. Ensign, superintendent, outlined steps that Kennecott has taken to find a solution to the problem.



Mr. Hansen



Mr. Jensen

They include spraying the fine dust; use of encrusting agents to hold it down; attempts to irrigate the ground with water and keep it moist; purchase of equipment to keep the soil wet; use of snow fences, and attempts to grow various types of vegetation for cover.

### All Fail

However, all have failed because of the shifting of the water throughout the 5,100-acre pond.

Mr. Jensen said that state and federal departments will build a monitoring station at the Brockbank Junior High School and county personnel will man it, as part of a study of the dust problem.

The dust is especially acute when a north wind blows and is worse than ever since the mills have been closed down by the current strike. Charles Paris, chairman of the council, who conducted the tour, said.

## Jurors Convict Youth in Theft

An eight-man Third District Court jury has found Anthony Martinez, 19, address listed in Salt Lake City Police records as 135 W. 5th North, guilty of robbery.

Judge Merrill C. Faux set sentencing for Nov. 20. Martinez was charged in connection with a Nov. 29, 1966, robbery of Howard Green, address listed in court records as 123-2nd Ave. or 1111 S. 1st East, Bountiful.

### Attending meeting:

Phil Hansen } Att. Gen'l Office  
Dave Webb }  
Marv Jensen  
Charles Paris  
Jim Brusatto  
Dave Bennett  
Roy Tygesen  
Wm. Larson  
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### Company

Jim Lee  
Bob Heaney  
Royal Anderson  
P. H. Ensign

## KCC Plans To Push Dust Study

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MAGNA — The unstable contents of the tailing pond is what makes dust curtailment difficult, P. H. Ensign, Kennecott concentrator plant superintendent, has told state and county officials.

Mr. Ensign noted that the company has spent "hundreds of thousands of dollars" researching the problem along with the University of Utah Mines Department.

A striped pole is being erected near the pond to determine at what height the dust leaves the pond. If the height is not too great, Kennecott may erect an aerial sprinkling system to combat the dust, Mr. Ensign said.

Kennecott is using a \$200,000 water wagon to water the pond at present.

Attorney General Phil Hansen said that his office is also studying the problem. He did not know if it would be feasible this time to obtain a court injunction to prohibit the company from dumping waste in the pond.

Commissioner Jensen, said that the county would give assistance it could to aid in the study of the dust problem.

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